





## Audubon Soil and Water Conservation District

## Media Advisory

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## LEARN ABOUT IMPROVING LITTLEFIELD LAKE AT JUNE 4 EVENT

EXIRA – The Audubon Soil and Water Conservation District will host an event for Audubon County residents and landowners June 4 at 7:00 p.m. to kickoff the Littlefield Lake Watershed Project.

The Littlefield Lake Watershed Project will receive a projected \$540,002 over two years in local, state and federal funding to help improve water quality in the lake. It is one of seven watershed projects to receive a projected total of \$5.4 million in local, state and federal resources to address water quality issues this summer.

The kickoff event will introduce the project and how it aims to work with locals to improve the lake. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. at the beach shelter house at the lake and will feature a short presentation and demonstrations of the Iowa Learning Farm rainfall simulator.

The project is a partnership between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – Division of Soil Conservation (IDALS), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Audubon Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

In most watershed projects, the local Soil and Water Conservation District works one-on-one with landowners to make changes in the watershed, which is the land that drains to a lake, river or lake. Those changes can help keep pollutants like excess sediment, nutrients and bacteria out

of Iowa's waters. Watershed projects work one-on-one with local landowners to complete a comprehensive assessment of the watershed's needs, whether it is control of erosion, sediment, bacteria or nutrients. The funds target the most critical needs and apply conservation measures.

The details of the event follow here:

What: Watershed Partnership Recognition; Introduction to Project

Who: David Brand, Littlefield Lake Watershed Project Coordinator

**Dave York,** NRCS District Conservationist **Kyle Ament,** DNR Watershed Improvement

Cathie Graves, IDALS Division of Soil Conservation

Where: Littlefield Lake, 2672 Littlefield Drive, Exira

Beach shelter house

When: Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.

**How**: For more information about the event please contact Jessie Brown with the

Department of Natural Resources at 515-281-5131 or David Brand with

the Littlefield Lake Watershed Project at 712-563-4248.